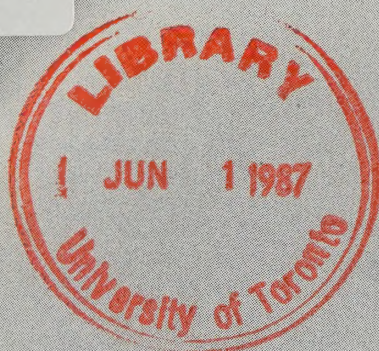


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The province's general land management policy is that no forested land be developed for agriculture until land which is already cleared and capable of being farmed is being fully used for agricultural purposes.

Crown land may be made available to an established farmer who requires additional area for expansion of his farming operation. Similarly land may be made available to a new farmer if he can demonstrate that he has sufficient financial resources and farming experience and knowledge to ensure successful establishment and operation of a viable commercial farming business.

An applicant must be at least eighteen years of age and eligibility does not currently require full-time residences in Canada.

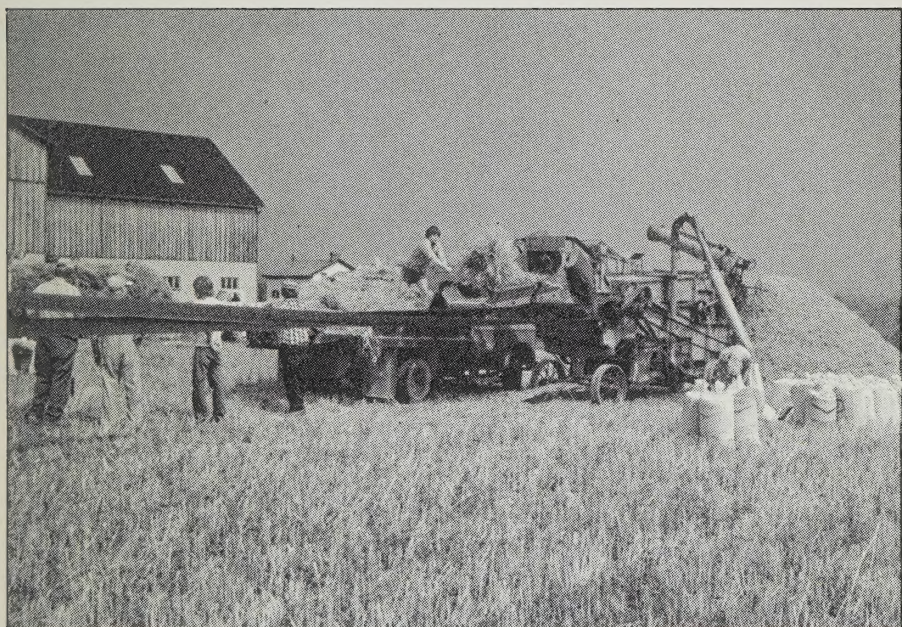


Price for agricultural land is based on its appraised market value. Since Ontario has no homesteading regulations, Crown agricultural land is not available as free grants or at reduced prices.

In addition to the price of the land, the applicant must pay for the merchantable Crown timber on the land and the costs of survey, where a survey is necessary to adequately describe the land for registration of title.

The land is provided on condition that it will be used solely for agriculture. Mineral rights are reserved to the Crown.

Agricultural Crown land is not available for Christmas tree growing or for the propagation of timber or wildlife.



If you consider that you qualify to obtain Crown agricultural land, in light of the above explanations, your first step is to select the general area of Ontario that you are interested in. Remember that accessible Crown land suitable for farming is located mostly in the northeasterly part of the Province, in the general vicinity of Cochrane and Kapuskasing. Next, you should contact the District Manager in the area you have selected and explain your proposed undertaking to him. He can advise you in more detail as to the conditions that prevail in the local area.

Publication No. 5163 shows the location and addresses of this Ministry's district offices.

It is also important that you contact the local Agricultural Representative for further guidance. Names and addresses of Agricultural Representatives are available from the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, 801 Bay Street, Toronto, M7A 2B2 Tel. 965-1056.

In the event that this publication does not provide you with the information you need, you should contact any of the Ministry of Natural Resources district offices or call Public Lands in Toronto at (416) 965-2742.

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